

**EAST COLUMBIA FIRE DISTRICT**  
**Columbia, Louisiana**

**Annual Financial Statements**

**As of and for the Year Ended**  
**December 31, 2012**

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**Accountant's Compilation Report**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
EAST COLUMBIA FIRE DISTRICT  
Columbia, Louisiana

I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of East Columbia Fire District (the "District") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management of the District is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

My responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management of the District in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The budgetary comparison information on page 16, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have compiled the supplementary information from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the supplementary information.

Management has not presented the Management's Discussion and Analysis information that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is required to supplement, although not required to be a part of, the basic financial statements.



Calhoun, Louisiana  
February 6, 2013

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Statement A****EAST COLUMBIA FIRE DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
December 31, 2012

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$20,370
Investments	58,766
Receivables:	
Sales tax	390
Charges for services	694
Capital assets, net	<u>31,428</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>111,648</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts and payroll taxes payable	<u>1,053</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	31,428
Unrestricted	<u>79,167</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u><u>\$110,595</u></u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

**Statement B****EAST COLUMBIA FIRE DISTRICT**  
Columbia, Louisiana**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012**GOVERNMENTAL  
ACTIVITIES****Expenses:**

Public safety - fire protection

\$21,636

**Program revenues:**

Charges for services

9,140

Net program expense

(12,496)**General revenues:**

Sales taxes

4,489

State fire insurance rebate

3,625

Interest earnings

484

Total general revenues

8,598**Change in net position**

(3,898)

**Net position - beginning**114,493**Net position - ending**\$110,595

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**Statement C****EAST COLUMBIA FIRE DISTRICT  
Columbia, Louisiana****BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
December 31, 2012**

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$20,370
Investments	58,766
Receivables:	
Sales tax	390
Charges for services	<u>694</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$80,220</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	
Liabilities - accounts and payroll taxes payable	\$1,053
Fund balance - unassigned	<u>79,167</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<u><u>\$80,220</u></u>
<b>Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Fund To the Statement of Net Position:</b>	
Fund balance - unassigned - General Fund	\$79,167
Amount reported for net assets of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position (Statement A) is different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund	<u>31,428</u>
Net position of governmental activities (Statement A)	<u><u>\$110,595</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Sales taxes	\$4,489
Intergovernmental revenues -	
State - fire insurance rebate	3,625
Charges for services	9,140
Interest earnings	484
Total revenues	<u>17,738</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Public safety - fire protection:	
Current:	
Personal services and related benefits	2,780
Operating services	5,480
Materials and supplies	7,548
Capital outlay	1,000
Total expenditures	<u>16,808</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	930
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>78,237</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u><u>\$79,167</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND (Contd.)  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

GENERAL  
FUND

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Fund to  
the Statement of Activities:**

Net change in fund balance - General Fund	\$930
Amount reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeded capital outlay in the current period.	<u>(4,828)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>(\$3,898)</u></u>

(Concluded)

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Columbia, Louisiana

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As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2012

## INTRODUCTION

The East Columbia Fire District was created by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1492. The district is governed by a five member board appointed by the police jury. Board members serve without benefit of compensation. The district is responsible for providing fire protection within the boundaries of the district. The district has one part-time employee.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity* and No. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations Are Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of these Statements, the East Columbia Fire District is considered a component unit of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements maybe included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit.

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the activities of the East Columbia Fire District.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. All individual governmental funds and individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The East Columbia Fire District has only one governmental fund.

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**B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and  
Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, revenues are considered to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Sales taxes and charges for services associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the district.

The East Columbia Fire District reports the following governmental fund:

**General Fund**

The General fund is the general operating fund of the district and accounts for all financial resources.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

Cash includes amounts in a noninterest-bearing demand deposit. State law limits the district's credit risk by restricting the district's investments to collateralized certificates of deposits, government-backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government-backed securities. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. At December 31, 2012, the district's investments consist of nonnegotiable certificates of deposits with original maturities that exceed 90 days that are reported in the accompanying financial statements at cost. The district's interest rate risk is limited by the investment of funds for no longer than one year.

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**D. Receivables**

The district receives a pro-rata share of a one-fourth of one percent parishwide (excluding the Town of Columbia) sales tax approved by the voters in Caldwell Parish on October 19, 1985 for fire protection in the parish. The sales tax is collected by the police jury and remitted to the district net of its pro-rata share of the cost of collection.

Receivables are generally shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. These statements contain no provision for uncollectible accounts. The district is of the opinion that such an allowance would be immaterial in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

**E. Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which consist of vehicles and equipment are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All of the district's capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. The East Columbia Fire District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset's life are not capitalized.

All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Vehicles	15 years
Buildings and Equipment	10 - 25 years

**F. Net Position/Fund Balance**

For the government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints are placed on net asset use are either:

1. externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
2. imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which funds can be spent. Fund balance should be reported as restricted when constraints on the use of the funds meet the same criteria as

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restricted net assets in the government-wide statement of net assets as noted in the previous paragraph. Amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the board of commissioners are reported as committed fund balance. Assigned fund balance are amounts that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The board of commissioners is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification and represents fund balance that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to a specific purpose.

At December 31, 2012, the District's had only unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.

**G. Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosures, and revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budget Information**

The East Columbia Fire District uses the following budget practices:

A proposed budget for the General Fund, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is formally adopted by the board of commissioners at the December board meeting each year. The budget is established and controlled by the board at the object level of expenditure.

Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the district. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of commissioners.

Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements are the original adopted budget amounts. There were no budget amendments.

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**3. DEPOSITS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

At December 31, 2012, the district has cash and investments as follows:

Demand deposit	\$20,370
Certificates of deposit	<u>58,766</u>
Total	<u><u>\$79,136</u></u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Cash and investments (bank balances) at December 31, 2012, are fully secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

**4. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, is as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2012	Increases	Decreases	Balance at December 31, 2012
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Vehicles	\$80,000			\$80,000
Buildings and equipment	<u>9,529</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>		<u>10,529</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>89,529</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>90,529</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	51,554	5,334		56,888
Buildings and equipment	<u>1,719</u>	<u>494</u>		<u>2,213</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>53,273</u>	<u>5,828</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>59,101</u>
Total assets being depreciated, net	<u><u>\$36,256</u></u>	<u><u>(\$5,828)</u></u>	<u><u>NONE</u></u>	<u><u>\$31,428</u></u>

Depreciation expense of \$5,828 for the year ended December 31, 2012 was charged to the public safety - fire protection governmental function.

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**8. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The District has evaluated subsequent events through February 6, 2013, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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## **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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EAST COLUMBIA FIRE DISTRICT  
Columbia, Louisiana

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL -  
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Budgeted .....Amounts.....		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis - GAAP)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Sales taxes	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$4,489	(\$511)
Intergovernmental revenues -				
State fire insurance rebate	3,500	3,500	3,625	125
Charges for services	8,800	8,800	9,140	340
Interest earnings	800	800	484	(316)
Total revenues	<u>18,100</u>	<u>18,100</u>	<u>17,738</u>	<u>(362)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Public safety - fire protection:				
Personal services and related benefits	2,900	2,900	2,780	120
Operating services	6,100	6,100	5,480	620
Materials and supplies	9,100	9,100	7,548	1,552
Capital outlay			1,000	(1,000)
Total expenditures	<u>18,100</u>	<u>18,100</u>	<u>16,808</u>	<u>1,292</u>
<b>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</b>	NONE	NONE	930	930
<b>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>78,238</u>	<u>78,238</u>	<u>78,237</u>	<u>(1)</u>
<b>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$78,238</u>	<u>\$78,238</u>	<u>\$79,167</u>	<u>\$929</u>

There were no budget amendments during the year ended December 31, 2012.

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**AFFIDAVIT AND REVENUE CERTIFICATION**

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Caldwell Parish  
Columbia, Louisiana

**ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES \$50,000 OR LESS**

The annual sworn financial statements are required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 to be filed with the Legislative Auditor within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year. The certification of revenues \$50,000 or less, if applicable, is required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513(I)(1)(c)(i).

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Ruby Smith, who, duly sworn, deposes and says, that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the East Columbia Fire District as of December 31, 2012, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

In addition, Ruby Smith, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the East Columbia Fire District received \$50,000 or less in revenues and other sources for the year ended December 31, 2012 and accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned year.

Ruby Smith  
Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 4 day of March, 2013.

Brenda Murphy  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Brenda Murphy  
Deputy Clerk of Court  
And Ex-Officio Notary  
Notary Number: 72310

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